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Relief to Rajdhani Express accident victims

418. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent accident of Rajdhani Express near Gaya in September last revealed some serious lapses with regard to relief and rescue operations for the accident victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the reasons for the lapses have been identified;

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to draw up a plan for remedial and corrective action for tackling such contingencies;

(e) whether there is a proposal to acquire helicopters for the purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Funds for rail projects in Tamil Nadu

419. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways is allocating very meagre amount for the ongoing railway projects in Tamil Nadu including HRTS of Gauge conversion as compared to other States;

(b) if so, whether Government would allot sufficient funds to speed up the railway projects in the State in future; and